

# **Balanced Growth; Economic Development and Resource Protection**

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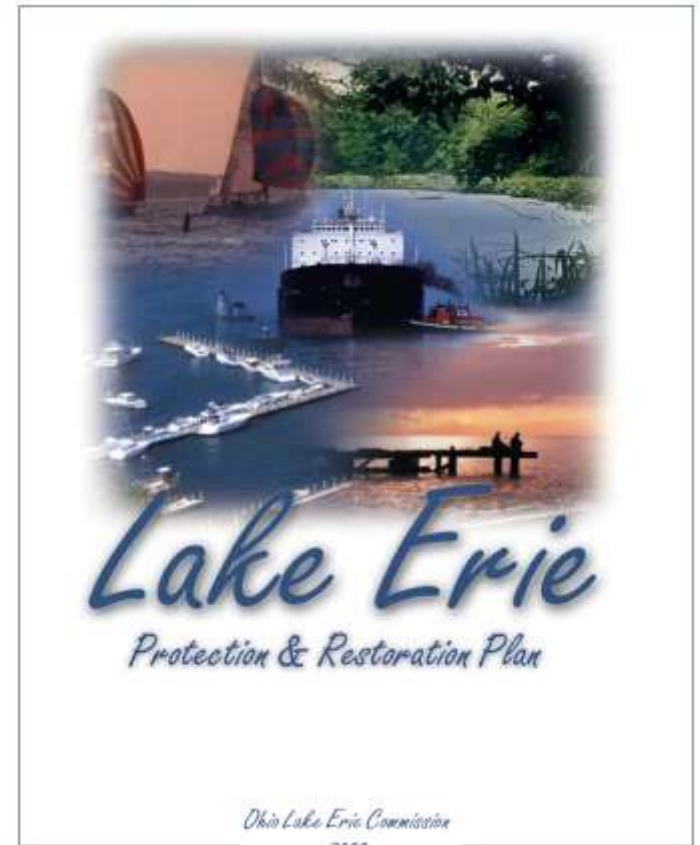
# Organizational Structure

Ohio Lake Erie Commission is made up of 6 cabinet agencies



# Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan

- Released in 2000
- Ohio's blueprint to improve environmental, recreational, and economic resources within the Lake Erie Basin.
- Contains 84 Strategic Actions to address Lake Erie Issues



# Two working documents

## Linking Land Use and Lake Erie

- A Planning Framework
- Best Local Land-Use Practices



Linking Land Use and Lake Erie:  
A Planning Framework for Achieving Balanced  
Growth in the Ohio Lake Erie Watershed

*Ohio Lake Erie Committee*



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# **Balanced Growth Summary**

- **Link land-use planning to the health of watersheds**
- **Watershed Planning Partnerships**
- **Implement Balanced Growth Plans**
- **Designate PCAs and PDAs**
- **Align state policies, incentives, and other resources**
- **Promote best local land-use practices**

# Implementing the Program

- Pilot Watershed Projects
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- State Incentives Strategy
- Best Local Land Use Practices
- Public Outreach and Education
- Measure and Evaluate Results

# **Balanced Growth Watershed Plans Pilot Projects**

- **Locally driven and voluntary**
- **Planning by watershed**
- **Designation of:**
  - **Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) and**
  - **Priority Development Areas (PDAs)**

# Priority Conservation Areas

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# Watershed Pilot Projects

*75% Local Support Required*



# **State Incentives Strategy**

- **Complete Inventory of Programs**
- **State Assistance Work Group**
- **Streamlining/Predictability**
- **Financial Incentives**

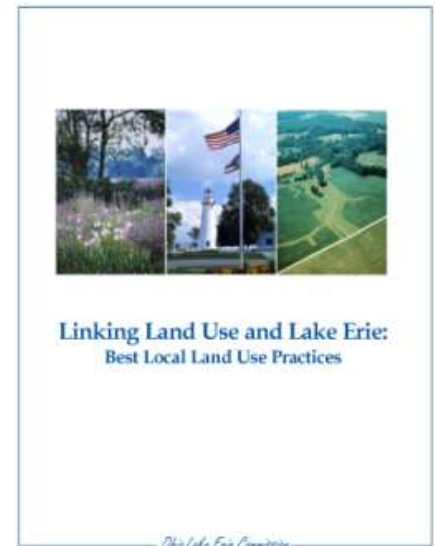
**To spur the development of balanced growth plans and the adoption of best land use practices.**

# Implementing the Program

## Best Local Land-Use Practices

### Purpose of Models:

- Guide location and *design* of development
- Comprehensive planning
- Voluntary adoption and balanced land-use practices

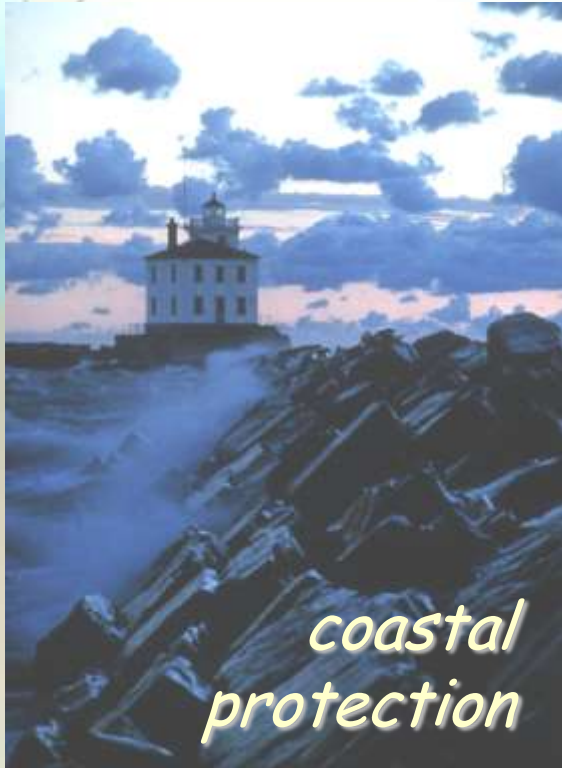


# ***Local Governments Can Have a Big Impact on Watershed and Community Quality***

- **Location of development for minimum impact**
- **Management and control of storm water and erosion**
- **Protection of riparian and wetland areas so they can do their job as infrastructure**
- **Protection of scenic, historic and natural resources to help retain our “great place”**

# Best Local Land Use Practices

## 3 Model Ordinances



# Guidance Sections

Transfer of  
Development  
Rights

Steep  
Slopes

Historic  
Preservation

Source Water  
Protection

Woodland  
Protection

Conservation  
Development

Access  
Management

Brownfields  
Redevelopment

Scenic  
Protection

Compact  
Development

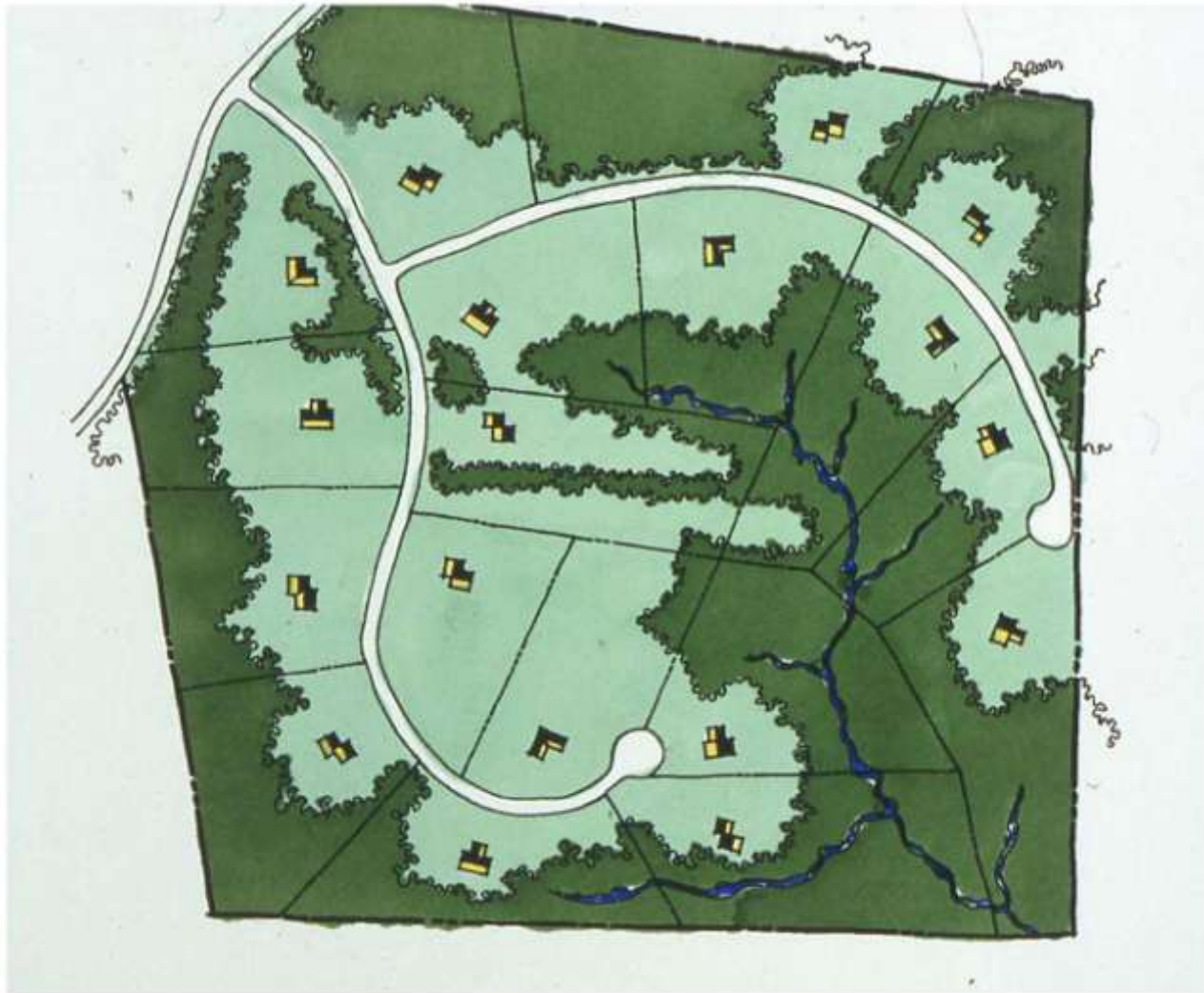
Agricultural  
Protection

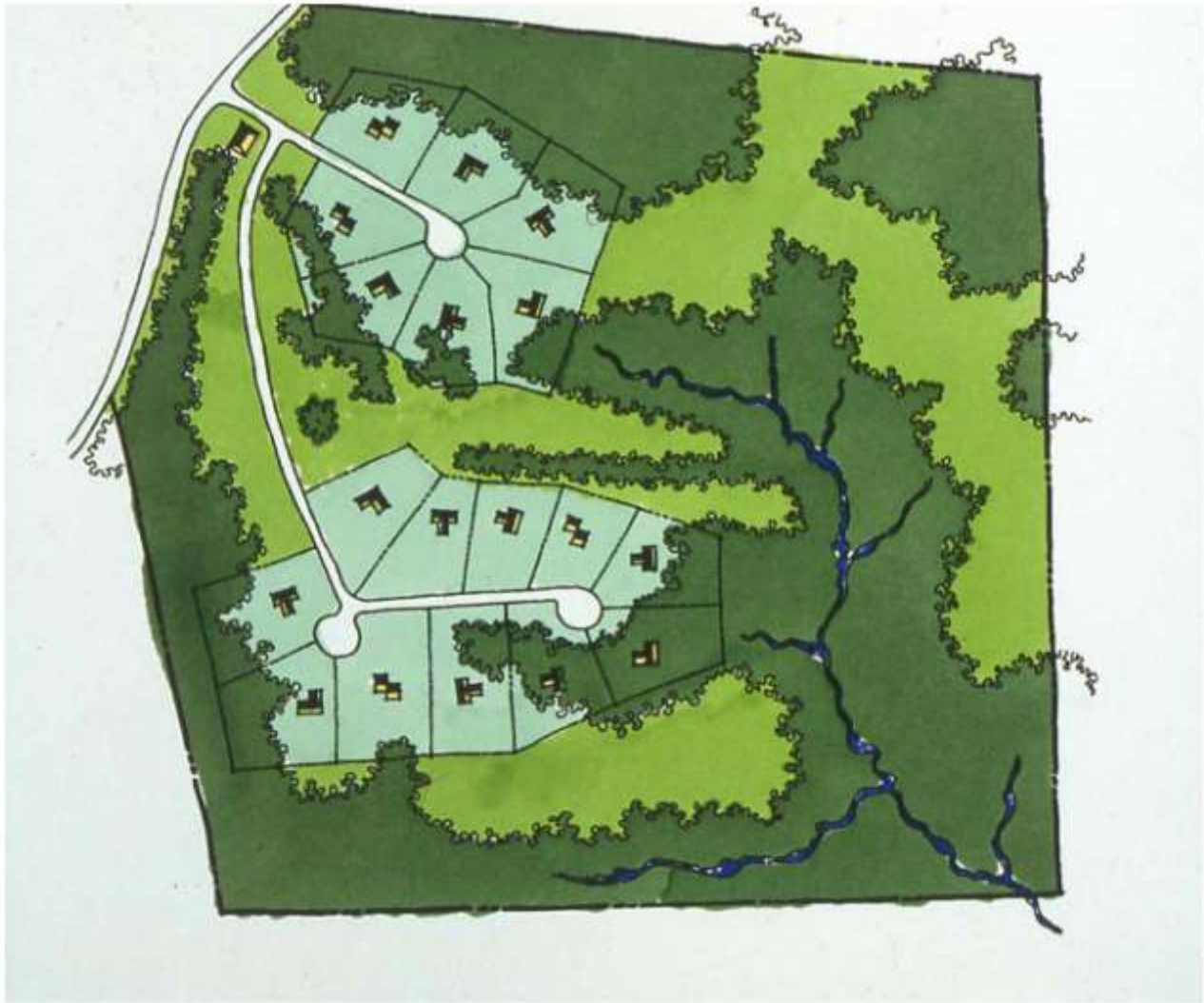
# **Best Practices Training Program**

- **Fact Sheets and Web Resources**
- **General awareness sessions**
- **Technical workshops**
- **DVD for local governments**
- **In-depth single community technical assistance**
- **Case Studies**

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- **Encourage land use diversity**
- **Support safe and efficient transportation choices**





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